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## MEDIA

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**Press release issued:** San Diego Center for Civic Engagement and U.S. EPA Award \$45,000 in Grants for New Park Space.

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/2dd7f669225439b78525735900400c31/f6bdc3c7f46d2bf385257bef0>  
. CLOSED. Nahal Mogharabi

**Orange County Register:** Reporter Christopher Haire is looking for information on the possible gov't shut down and what effects it would have specifically in Orange County. Awaiting response from HQ on guidance. OPEN. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

**National Geographic:** Spoke to reporter Paul Voosen is following up on his photographer's visit to the Oil Superfund site as part of their overall story on the history of Superfund. Working on scheduling a visit in early Oct. SUPERFUND. OPEN. Nahal Mogharabi.

**American Metal Markets** – reporter Everdeen Mason had follow up/clarification questions on Hayden/Asarco, coordinated with inspector, answered questions – CLOSED (v) Enforcement

Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan

**OC Register** – will EPA be impacted by shutdown, gave reporter SoCal press officer information for future reference and referred him to HQ – CLOSED (v) Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan

**Environmental Monitor** (Fairborn, Ohio): Received inquiry from Alex Card, reporter, regarding recent Yurok Tribe grant. Awaiting response to questions submitted to reporter. Once questions about grant finalized, will work with program to respond. WATER/CED. OPEN. (V) David Yogi.

**America Now** (Los Angeles, Calif.): Requested information regarding EPA's lead remediation using fish bones in West Oakland. Sent inquiry to HQ and am awaiting follow-up response. SUPERFUND. OPEN (V) David Yogi.

**KNTV** (San Jose, Calif.): Spoke with David Paredes, producer, regarding sampling on-going at MEW in Mt. View, Calif. Mr. Paredes requested sampling data from this week's sampling event. No story on recent sampling scheduled. Will work with program to develop response. SUPERFUND. OPEN (V) David Yogi.

## WEB

### Social Media:

**Newsletter** – Shared our [September 2013 Newsletter](#), which includes stories on the bike share launch, the Safeway settlement, and the WasteWise awards, on Facebook and Twitter.

### Website Updates:

**Regional Tribal Operations Committee** – Published the new meeting agenda to the [RTOC Meetings](#) page.

**Air Actions** – Several updates and Federal Register link corrections to numerous [Air Actions](#) pages.

**Groundwater** – Published new contact information on our [Groundwater: Navajo Nation](#) page and updated numerous links to external sites on our [Underground Injection Control](#) page.

## CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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**Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Staff Inquiry on Oil Field Issue in South Los Angeles:** Brent Maier received a call today from Grant Cope, Senior Counsel for the Majority on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. Grant indicated that Sen. Boxer read the recent article in the LA Times at the link below and wanted to know whether EPA was tracking this issue of increased oil production at a facility and reported potential neighborhood health concerns and whether EPA had, or will be taking any steps to address concerns of residents regarding odors and potential health related issues in the low-income University Park neighborhood of South Los Angeles. South Coast AQMD is mentioned in the article and they have been out to the site and have cited the facility in the past for violations. Brent has reached out to Joel Jones and Matt Salazar in our Air Enforcement and will share any information regarding this inquiry with Grant Cope. <http://www.latimes.com/local/la-me-0922-oil-20130922,0,5218288.story>

**California State Senator Kevin De Leon Request for EPA to Participate in Town Hall Meeting on Exide Lead Battery Facility in Vernon, CA:** State Senator Kevin De Leon sent a letter to RA Jared Blumenfeld regarding the Senator's concerns with the harmful levels of pollution and toxic emissions of lead and arsenic from the Exide lead battery facility in Vernon, CA. The State Senator is organizing a community Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> and is requesting EPA participation at this Town Hall. The State Senator is also inviting DTSC and South Coast AQMD to this meeting. Brent has reached out to our Air Division, Enforcement Division, EPCRA and Oil Programs. Waste Director Jeff Scott noted that DTSC has the lead on this for permitting and Waste Division does not currently have active involvement at the site. Brent is reaching out to the State Senator's office to see about setting up a call for Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss EPA's limited role and the invitation. Elizabeth Adams and Gerardo Rios along with Brent Maier and any other Enforcement Division staff are welcome to join this discussion.

**Congressional Outreach on Awarding of Grant to San Diego Center for Civic Engagement for New Park Space:** Brent Maier notified Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein and Rep. Juan Vargas of today's press release announcement of the awarding of a \$45,000 grant to the San Diego Center for Civic Engagement's for the Opening the Outdoors initiative and the to the nonprofit group 4Walls International for the construction of a bi-national park space that will use trash pulled from the Tijuana River Valley and tributary canyons as building materials.

**Congressional Countdown Scenario on Government Shutdown:** Absent Congressional action, the government shuts down a week from Tuesday. Here's a Congressional forecast for next 8 days, via [WaPo's](#) Paul Kane. – *Washington Post*

